Measures adopted to arrest the soaring prices of essential commodities.

*Q.—945. Sri S. RAJAGOPAL (K.G.F.).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

what measures are being adopted and with what result to arrest the soaring prices of essential commodities and to hold the prices line ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

1. Fair Price shops for sale of wheat and sugar have been opened.

2. The following measures are being implemented :—

(i) The Rice (Southern Zone) Movement Control Order, 1957 ;
(ii) The Imported Foodgrains (Prohibition of Unauthorised Sale) Order, 1958 ;
(iii) The Southern Rice Zone (Restrictions on Rail Bookings) Order, 1958 ;
(iv) The Rice Milling Industry (Regulation) Act, 1958 (21 of 1958) ;
(v) The Rice Milling Industry (Regulation) and Licensing Rules, 1959 ;
(vi) The Essential Articles (Display of Prices) Order, 1962 and Amendment Order 1962 ;
(vii) The Essential Articles (Price Control) Order, 1963 ;
(viii) The Mysore Sugar Dealers Licensing Order, 1962 ;
(ix) The Mysore Foodgrains Dealers Licensing Order, 1963 ;
(x) The Sugar Control Order, 1963.

3. The following further steps have been taken :—

(i) Building up buffer stock of rice for consumption during the lean periods of the year by encouraging the well managed Co-operatives in the State to purchase paddy.

(ii) Two Centrally sponsored Schemes, one for organisation of Consumers' Co-operative Societies in urban areas with a population of 50,000 and above and another for distribution of consumers articles in rural areas through Co-operative Marketing Societies are under implementation.

The implementation of above measures has had the desired effect of holding the price line.

SIXTEENTH REPORT OF BUSINESS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Presentation.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I prsent the 16th Report of the Business Advisory Committee.